The Five First Saturdays Devotion

as requested of Sr. Lucia by Our Lady on December 10th, 1925.*

The 5 kinds of offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary (as told to Lucia by Our Lord, May 29th, 1930.)

Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.

Blasphemies against her Divine Maternity and not recognizing her as the mother of all men.



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Blasphemies against her virginity.

The blasphemy of those who directly insult her in Holy Images.

To celebrate the upcoming Centennial of Our Lady's visit to Sr. Lucia, Our Mother's Hands ministry is promoting the Five First Saturdays Devotion at St. Sebastian and St. Paul parishes. Please present this passport after First Saturday Mass and it will be stamped. When you have completed the Devotion for the (5 stamps) your name will be entered in a drawing for a number of beautiful Our Lady of Fatima-themed prizes. Winning names will be drawn at each parish on Saturday, July 5th, and again on Saturday, December 6th. NOTE: If you have already completed the Devotion prior to the March 1st start date,

you will be offered a free entry in addition to those you can earn in July and December.

The Four Elements of this Devotion

(All are to be performed with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.)

- 1. Confession: Repentance and Conversion: If one cannot go to confession the first Saturday of the month, one can go within eight days. Confession should be made with a heartfelt spirit of repentance and lasting sorrow for our sins.
- 2. Holy Communion: Habitual Union with God
- 3. Devout Recitation of the Rosary: Five decades are, strictly speaking, sufficient to fulfill this requirement.
- 4. Meditation upon one or more Mysteries: A 15-minute meditation, in which our attention should be centered on the Mysteries only, without any other vocal prayer. This meditation should be the richest of any meditation because Our Lady promised to be present when she said "...those who keep me company....".

NOTE: After fulfilling this Devotion for yourself, you can fulfill it repeatedly for the intention of others.

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Our Lady's PROMISE

To those who faithfully follow Our Lady's requests for the Five First Saturdays she has made a wonderful promise which she, as Mediatrix of All Graces, will certainly fulfill: "I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation." This means that our Blessed Mother will be present at the hour of death with the actual grace of final perseverance (which after the gift/grace of Faith), is the most important grace.

After completing the Five First Saturdays, one may continue the devotion simply to console the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady. A tender love of our Blessed Mother will lead one to do all he can to make reparation for the sins which pierce her Immaculate Heart. Let us remember, too, that although Our Lady made this promise to those who would observe five such First Saturdays in succession, in her July apparition she asked simply that Communions of reparation be made on every First Saturday to atone for the sins of the world.

The **two requests** that Our Lady made in order to bring about a period of peace and the salvation of many souls:

- 1. The Consecration of Russia
- 2. The First Saturdays Devotion

Pope St. John Paul II said he completed the first request in 1984.
The second request still remains to be fulfilled.

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